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PARENTS ARRIVE

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Christensen of Elwood, Neb., are expected to arrive today via the train to spend the holidays with their daughter and family, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Westerlin, 3430 W. 227th St. The Christensens will be getting their first glimpse of a new grandchild, Sandra Irene, born on Mrs. Christensen's birthday.

OFF TO JAPAN

Lt. and Mrs. Porter Thompson left Tuesday for San Francisco where they will embark Dec. 21 for Japan where Lt. Thompson has been assigned to three years of duty with the United States Air Force. They spent from Friday until Tuesday here with Mr. Thompson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Howard L. Thompson, 4619 Tower St.



MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS . . . Their past presidents and all former Junior Club members gathered last Sunday afternoon at the H. C. Barringtons when the Junior Woman's Club entertained at its annual Christmas tea. Friendships were renewed in an atmosphere filled with Christmas magic. Approximately 300 guests attended the beautiful affair. Shown here are Mrs. John Schwartz, president, being served by Mrs. J. A. Barrington, chairman of the day. Club coordinators were special guests.

Juniors Fete Past Presidents at Tea

Torrance Junior Woman's Club entertained at its annual Christmas tea last Sunday afternoon honoring past presidents. The affair, always one of the loveliest social events of the holiday season, was staged at the attractive H. C. Barrington home, 1541 Post Ave.

The tea table was centered by a miniature Christmas tree decorated with angel figurines. Christmas candles burned brightly on the buffet and arrangements of holiday greenery were used effectively throughout the rooms.

Past presidents honored were Mmes. Walter B. Claus, Ralph Rugraff, Earl Clayton, Ina Mae Maupin Larsen, H. L. Wagner, J. Parke Montague, Earl Clayton, H. P. Jensen, R. C. Morton, C. E. Wallace, Douglas Baldwin, J. A. Barrington, C. Albert Smith, Robert L. Lowry and James K. Lees.

Special guests were the Junior-Senior club coordinators, Mmes. A. F. R. Ewall, L. A. McCoy and Walter Clausung.

In the receiving line were members of the executive board headed by the president, Mrs. John Schwartz. Others were Mmes. William Rogers, Lee E. Allen, D. E. Moore, Earle Peterson, Russell Clawson, W. M. Montgomery, Donald W. Mansfield, Lee Clotworthy, J. G. Louvier, Barton A. Tatum, James Van Dyck and K. M. Boulter.

Approximately 300 guests, including former Junior Club members, attended the beautiful Sunday afternoon affair.

Yule Time is Party Time For Friends

An annual affair, the reunion of a number of 1954 Torrance High School graduates was held last Saturday at the home of Miss Roberta Long, 1222 Date Ave. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Joan Paur, and Mrs. Lynn Mortenson.

Cocktails were served and dinner followed. After dinner a gift exchange was held and the guest spent the hours reminiscing and catching up on news concerning all in the group.

Attending the event were Mmes. Sally Mallard, Carlene Beganson, Diane Moreno, Sue Russell, Norma Farrar, Sylvia Ruschfeldt, Sandy Johnson, Sally Pope, Barbara Parker, Joan Paur, Lynn Mortenson and Misses Sandy Hokanson, Roberta Long, Faye Gossett and Beverly Brimley.

McNEILS WILL HAVE THREE CHRISTMASSES

Three Christmas celebrations are in store for Mr. and Mrs. Thomas F. McNeil and daughter, Jean, 3313 Sonoma Ave.

On Sunday, Dec. 22, the McNeils will have as their guests Mrs. McNeil's sister, Mrs. Clair Haight and three daughters, Celia, Lucy and Patty. There will be a Christmas dinner with a gift exchange following.

On Christmas Day, dinner guests will be Mr. Gregory Doyle and his twin sons, Jerry and Paul Doyle. After dinner the McNeils and their guests will visit with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. T. D. McNeil in Torrance and will then go to Los Angeles to see another grandmother, Mrs. Nina Hedburg and family.

On the week end following Christmas, the three McNeils will drive to Santa Cruz where they will visit their son and brother, Jack McNeil, who is studying at the Marionist Novitiate.

Santa Arrives at CDA Court's Christmas Fete

Santa distributed gifts from a gaily decorated sleigh to members and guests of Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, at the Christmas party at Nativity parish hall Monday evening. In the true spirit of Christmas, members shared with others via food donations for Christmas baskets and tree ornaments for their adopted hospital ward.

The stocking-hung fireplace, the Nativity scene, and a lighted tree were part of the family living room setting created on stage by the chairmen, Mrs. James Fornelli and Mrs. Don Bryant, and their committee. Guests gathered around the piano and sang Christmas carols, with Mrs. John V. Murray providing accompaniment.

Poinsettias and other seasonal decor were used on the beautiful tea table where Mrs. Donald Cowden and Mrs. Leroy Armstrong presided at the silver service.

Assisting the chairmen as hostesses for the evening were Mmes. Theresa Finlayson, P. B. Clayton, Charles Allen, Donald Schwab, Robert Aguilar and G. W. Bishop. Other hostesses were Mmes. James Carlin, William Korchensky, George L. Probert, Carrasco, J. J. MacDonald and Ray Rogers, Jr.

The same ladies were hostesses at the recent December business meeting of the court, at which time the group voted a sponsor's donation for the Torrance float in the Rose parade.

The food baskets will be delivered by the court's social welfare chairman, Mrs. George Shelton, who is in charge of the monthly parties for the adopted ward at Harbor General Hospital. The Christmas party for the ward was held on Thursday, with Mrs. Dick Cowden and Mrs. Fred Rick assisting Mrs. Shelton in serving refreshments and distributing gifts. Each patient in the ladies' ward was given a Christmas corsage of fibre flowers, the handiwork of Mrs. Cowden, also a compact donated by Ruth Davis.

Mrs. Gerald Revell opened her lovely new home at 16 Eastfield in Rolling Hills to other officers for a recent meeting of the executive board.

BIRTHDAY PARTY

Friends feted J. L. Dunn, 3634 W. 227th St., Saturday night on his birthday anniversary.

Mrs. Dunn served a mid-night buffet supper to guests who included Messrs. and Mmes. A. W. Westerlin, J. Roslanski, Howard Wallace, R. Casias, and Herb Leiberman.

Torrance Garden Club Has Annual Yuletide Luncheon

The warmth and beauty of the holiday season predominated at the Christmas luncheon and party held by the Torrance Terrace Garden Club last Wednesday afternoon at the Jumpin' Jack restaurant. Gold sprayed magnolia leaves, Christmas candles and ornaments decorated the tables. Mrs. B. R. Bain and Mrs. John Ericson were responsible for the beautiful decorations.

At the short business meeting plans were made for decorating the YWCA for their annual Christmas family party.

Games and a gift exchange followed the luncheon with Mrs. V. Benstead in charge of the afternoon's entertainment. Those attending the party were Mmes. Minot Rugg, president; Victor Benstead, Joe Banks, Alfred Byk, R. W. Bishop, George Powell, H. Powell,

Philip Lisman, Ralph Russell, John Blackman, W. Stevens, A. C. Turner, Thomas McCutcheon, R. L. Chadwick, John Ericson, Godfrey Nelson, B. R. Bain, G. R. Collison, Vincent Davey, R. Goldstone, M. L. Hartley, R. Carrow, William Hunter, Lena Scratchard, P. McIntyre, T. Vaughn and R. J. Shea.

The door prize, a pyracantha, was won by Mrs. Godfrey Nelson and the poinsettia by Mrs. R. L. Chadwick.



A WINKING SANTA CLAUS . . . The early American rumpus room at the R. D. Bolen home on Torrance Blvd. was cleverly decorated for the pre-dance party for Las Fiestadores dance club under the supervision of a Santa Claus that winked. The wives of the committee members are shown here as they added Christmas evergreens and holly to an already perfect setting. They are, from left, Mrs. R. D. Bolen, Mrs. Homer St. Martin, Mrs. Burton Easley, and Mrs. R. R. Dexter. Dancing at Caprino's followed.

J. J. Benners Entertain at Open House

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Benner entertained at a Christmas open house last Saturday evening at their home, 1229 Acacia Ave. Mr. Benner is chief of the Torrance fire department. The guest list was confined to city officials and their wives.

Tom and Jerry were served from a huge punch bowl on a beautifully decorated table. Christmas delicacies were served around the brilliantly decorated Christmas tree.

Enjoying Mr. and Mrs. Benner's hospitality were Messrs. and Mmes. George Stevens, Donald Mansfield, Nickolas Drale, Willis Blount, Robert Jahn, Albert Isen, Victor Beasstead, M. M. Schwab and John Wardlow.

Others were Messrs. and Mmes. George Powell, John Russell, Ronald Bishop, John Patrick, Harry Van Bellehem, Marshall Chamberlain, Jim Alair, Melvin Benner and Al Sadunas.

TUCSON VISITOR

Mrs. Genevieve Bisque of Tucson, Ariz., arrived yesterday to spend the holidays with her daughter and family, the D. L. Tillotsons of 227th St.

Fiestadores Holiday Party is Festive Affair

An ole fashion Christmas in an ole fashion setting was the delightful experience of members of the Las Fiestadores Dance Club last Saturday evening when the pre-dance party was held in the early American rumpus room at the R. D. Bolen home on Torrance Blvd. The wonderful collection of antiques in the beamed ceiling room brought back the Christmas of long ago. The Dutch fireplace, near which was a Santa that winked, was the center of attraction. An old chopping block was decorated with a container of Christmas holly and an antique candle, mold held red candles, pine cones and artificial fruits.

The table was covered with a red cloth and was decorated with glittered evergreens and Christmas candles. Punch was served from a wooden tub. The party was given by the Fiestadores committee consisting of Dr. and Mrs. Burton Easley, Messrs. and Mmes. R. D. Bolen, Homer St. Martin and R. R. Dexter. As the guests arrived each lady was presented with a Christmas corsage.

New members introduced and welcomed were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Wilkes and Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Miller.

The group then went to Caprino's where they danced until wee small hours to Warner Spurrer's Quartettes.

Others were Drs. and Mmes. B. L. Easley, W. E. Grubbs, Joe Bay, Allen Pyeatt, Phillip Hal-lorran, and new members Messrs. and Mmes. Tommy Wilkes and Kenneth Miller.

Entertains At Luncheon

Mrs. John Arenesmeier, 1734 Juniper, entertained at a lovely Christmas luncheon Saturday at her home.

The table was covered with a poinsettia cloth. Centerpiece was an arrangement of poinsettias flanked by red candles. The event was also a surprise birthday party for Mrs. Wilson Willey, who was presented with gifts.

Mrs. Arenesmeier's guests were Mmes. Ted Jackson, William Boell, Everett Carlstrom, Wilson Willey, Kenneth McVey, Kenneth Judd, and Rod Baillie.

WEEK-END GUESTS

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Herndon and two children of Costa Mesa spent a recent week end here with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Palmer, 1510 W. 214th St.

HERE FOR HOLIDAYS

Miss Alicia Loranger who teaches in Ventura will arrive this week end to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Loranger, 1448 Post Ave.

Cathryn Is Christened

Last Sunday afternoon, Dec. 15, at Nativity Catholic Church little Cathryn Mary Klaesges was christened. The young lady, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Klaesges, 2713 Monterey Ave., was born Nov. 23.

The Rev. Thomas Glynn officiated at the christening with Mr. and Mrs. James Carlin as godparents.

In the late afternoon a dinner was held at the Klaesges' home. With Mr. and Mrs. Klaesges and Cathryn Mary were the other children, Susan, David and Jean Marie; Mr. and Mrs. James Carlin, and the children's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Stepp of Torrance.

HOLIDAY GUESTS

Arriving this week end to spend the holidays here with Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Palmer will be their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Marsh and children of Hayward. Also expected for Christmas is a son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Peterson and son of Trona.



A LADENED FIREPLACE . . . Tradition in every sense of the word was followed at Nativity Hall last Monday evening when Court St. Catherine, Catholic Daughters of America, staged their annual Christmas party. Settling the scene around the fireplace, in anticipation of Santa's visit, are, from left, Mrs. Jess Carrasco, Mrs. James Carlin and Mrs. Helen Bishop.



RIBBONS, TINSEL AND GLITTER . . . The annual Christmas luncheon of the Torrance Terrace Garden Club was another delightful event of the holiday season last Wednesday at the Jumpin' Jack restaurant. A gift exchange followed the luncheon, which was served amid a festive decor. Pictured here with their president, Mrs. Minot Rugg, center, are Mrs. John Ericson, left, and Mrs. Marion Hartley, right.